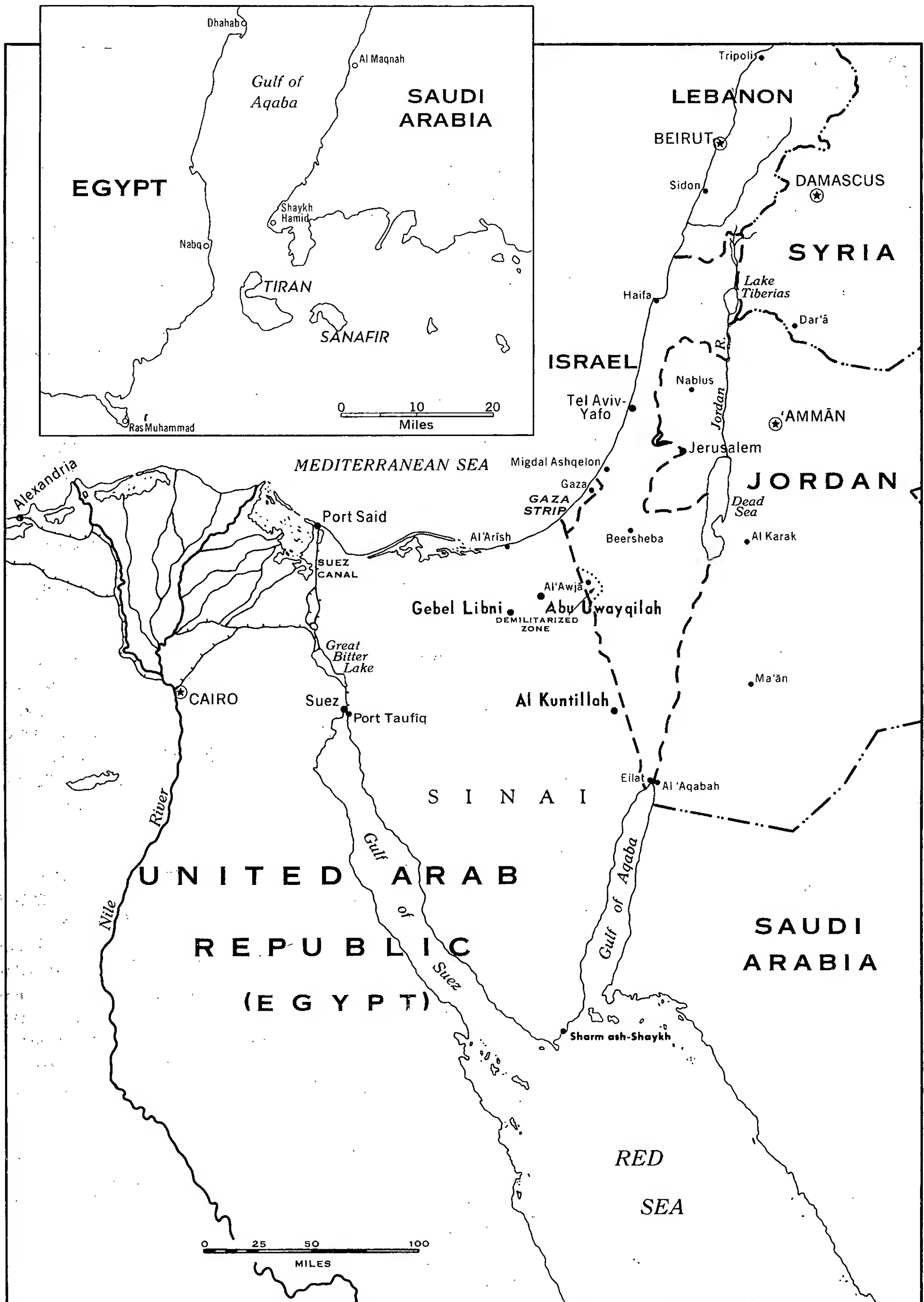


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1. Arab States -
Israel
(As of 5:30 AM EDT)

At this point, the shooting continues despite the UN ceasefire resolution. Early this morning Israeli planes were hammering Jordanian positions outside Jerusalem. There also was some firing in the city last night.

The Israelis appear to hold substantial portions of the Sinai Peninsula, and Cairo is ordering the Egyptian force at Sharm ash-Shaykh on the Straits of Tiran to withdraw. In fact, there are strong indications that the Egyptians may be withdrawing most, if not all, of their forces from the Sinai.

Although the Soviets are airlifting in some spare parts for Egyptian tanks and aircraft, there are no indications of any major Soviet military moves.

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In last night's Security Council meeting, Federenko demanded withdrawal of forces after a ceasefire, but this performance seems intended to put the best face possible on the retreat.

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The US Embassy in Cairo was not set on fire as reported in this morning's Washington Post.

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2. North Vietnam

Further analysis of an unusual article in the May issue of the North Vietnamese party journal [redacted]

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[redacted] shows that it was intended as an indirect, but unmistakable, swipe at Mao Tse-tung. It is the first time Hanoi has made such an open display of its displeasure with Peking. The Chinese have been increasingly unhappy over Hanoi's close association with Moscow.

The article, ostensibly in honor of Ho's birthday, praises Ho's adherence to collective leadership--as opposed to the practices of a "certain leader." In an unmistakable reference to Mao's use of the Red Guards against the regular party apparatus, the article asserts that "a leader of the working class does not separate the working class from its vanguard, the Communist Party."

It is too early to tell how far the Vietnamese intend to push their attack on Mao. They have not yet broadcast the article or reprinted it elsewhere. Neither Moscow nor Peking has made any public reference to it. (The Chinese may want to avoid drawing attention to what could be a one-shot affair.) If Hanoi presses the attack, however, the effect upon its relations with Peking could be enormous.

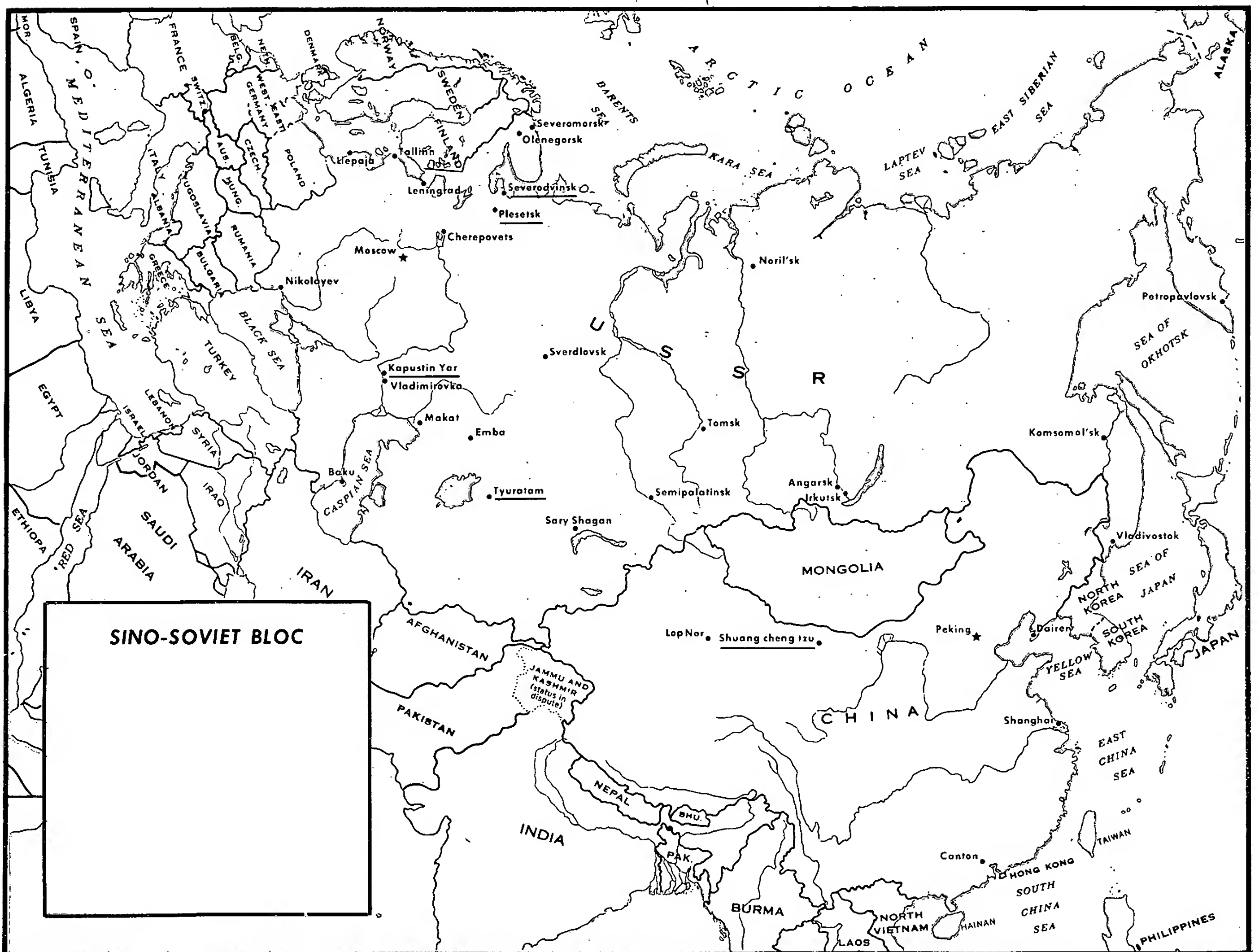
3. Thailand

King Phumiphon will be making a strong pitch for more US military assistance when he comes to Washington later this month.

In a recent talk with the US charge in Bangkok, the King expressed his deep concern with both the civil and military aspects of Thailand's counterinsurgency program; he seems to feel that increased US investment on the military side will be the most productive. The King is particularly interested in getting more helicopters and patrol boats.

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4. Soviet Union

The Soviets appear to be working on several new strategic weapons. The latest satellite photography (23-30 May) shows at least three land-based missiles and one submarine-launched system under development.

Construction of silo launchers for a new type of intercontinental missile is under way at the Tyuratam test center. New silos also are being built at Kapustin Yar, where the Russians test missiles with ranges up to 2,000 miles. Silos for a third system are going in at Plesetsk, the test center north of Moscow.

At Severodvinsk, a major naval base on the White Sea, a large new ballistic missile submarine is fitting out. We have seen this submarine indistinctly before; now we can see that it has at least eight missile tubes and perhaps more. Earlier ballistic missile submarine classes have had no more than three tubes.

It is unlikely any of the new land-based weapons will be operational in quantity for several years to come. The submarine could join the fleet by the middle of next year.

5. Communist China

Photography of the Chinese missile test range showed a launch operation under way. The weapon appears to be the medium-range missile the Chinese have been testing for about four years.

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6. Communist China

We continue to see signs of disorder in China. While it is sometimes hard to spot the flame beneath all the smoke, it does appear that riots have taken place, that rail lines are out, and that the regime's control is weakening in some localities.

7. South Korea

President Pak is expected to have no trouble keeping control of the National Assembly in tomorrow's elections. Local issues, however, may cost him a few seats.

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